(b) if so, what is the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The panel of Lift Operators has been operated while for the Messengers it has not been operated so far.

Hospital in Pitampura, Delhi

2946. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to set up a hospital on the Ring Road, opposite Wazirpur D.T.C Bus Depot in Pitampura, Delhi; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Delhi Administration has no proposal for opening of a Hospital at Pitampura during 7th Five Year Plan.

Shortage of Doctors in Rural Areas

2947. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of doctors in rural areas of the country.

(b) if so, the names of States which are thus most affected by the shortage of doctors; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) As per available information, against 33804 sanctioned posts of doctors in rural areas only 4046 posts (11.9 per cent) were vacant as on 30.9.86. The States having a large number of vacancies are Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana,, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(c) To attract doctors to work in rural areas, the 8th Finance Commission, on the suggestion of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has provided special funds to the States for providing the following incentives to doctor serving in rural areas:

(i) A rural allowance equal to 25 percent of the basic pay subject to a maximum of Rs. 250/- per month for the doctors working in the Primary Health Centres; and

(ii) House rent allowance at the of Rs. 150/- per month where the doctors are not provided residential accommodation.

In addition, the Finance Commission has made special provision of Rs. 53.62 crores for construction of residential quarters for the doctors. The hilly areas have been provided 30 per cent 'Mark up' in the cost of construction.

Capacity of Nursing Home at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in Delhi

2948. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the capacity of the Nursing Home at the Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in Delhi;

(b) what is the occupancy rate of the Nursing Home at this hospital;

(c) whether it is a fact that generally Government officials who are eligible for indoor treatment at the Nursing Home are denied admission; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any need to expand the Nursing Home and if so, what are the details in this regard; and